

of the researchers, and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

Grant to Manipur University

2243 SHRI YAIMA SINGH YUMNAM Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have received a request from the Government of Manipur for providing foundation grant to Manipur University,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c) The Government of Manipur had sought an additional assistance of Rs 18.35 crores for development of Manipur University in the 8th Plan. Development of State Universities is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. UGC provides development grants to State Universities for purchase of books and journals and equipment, appointment of staff, construction of academic buildings and hostels. The quantum of assistance is determined after taking into account the stage of development of the University, its academic achievement in terms of research output, innovations in teaching, introduction of courses in the emerging areas, etc.

According to the information furnished

by UGC, the Commission has allocated an amount of Rs 1.35 crores for development of Manipur University in the 8th Plan.

[Translation]

Restoration of Nirmali-Forbesganj Line

2244 SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Nirmali-Forbesganj railway line is lying in dilapidated condition for quite a long period,

(b) whether the Government propose for restoring this line, and

(c) if so, the time by which the work on this line is likely to be completed with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) to (c) Railway line Nirmali-Forbesganj does not exist. Due to vagaries of the Kosi river the line between Nirmali and Forbesganj was extensively damaged. Now only MG link between Saragarh to Forbesganj exists and the Nirmali-Saragarh link could not be restored because of Kosi river flowing in between these stations. The river is in an unstable regime in this stretch and restoration of this section will be extremely expensive both in construction as well as maintenance costs.

Integrated Child Development Scheme in Bihar

2245 SHRI SUKHDEO PASWAN Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state

(a) the target fixed an achievement made in implementation of the Integrated Child